

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant(s): | Gorse et al.       | Title:    | Method for Designing Surfaces |
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 13, 2010 for the above-identified patent application. This response is accompanied by a request for a three-months extension of time and therefore, it is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge the appropriate fee for this extension of time request and any other fee that may be deemed necessary and proper for further prosecution of the above-identified patent application to Howrey LLP Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above-identified attorney docket number. Claim amendments are listed beginning at page 2, Applicants' arguments and remarks begin at page 8, followed by Conclusion at page 12.